

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President,

Messrs—	Crosby,	Myers,
Baker,	Denham,	O'Brien,
Blitch,	Dimick,	Palmer of 14th,
Broome,	Fuller,	Reeves,
Bynum,	Gaillard,	Rogers
Carson,	Harris,	Sams,
Chaires,	Hooker,	Wadsworth,
Clark,	McCreary,	Williams,
Crill,	McLin,	

Answering roll-call—26.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Blitch:

Senate Bill No. 248:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for a life certificate in primary departments of regularly graded schools and public kindergartens.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Reeves:

Senate Bill No. 249:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the marriages and offspring of persons of African descent.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By permission—

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to provide for establishing, working and repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges of Lake County of this State.

Also,

An act providing for the issue of bonds by the City of Fernandina for municipal purposes and to authorize said city to value property taxable within its limits for taxation, and to assess and collect taxes levied thereon by said city;

Also,

An act making additional appropriations to cover deficiencies in the appropriations made by the Legislature of 1897 for the payment of jurors and witnesses.

Beg leave to report that the same have been signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and are presented to the Senate for signature of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

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The acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

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Be it reported that the same have been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,
Chairman of Committee.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 403:

To be entitled an act making an appropriation for the State Board of Health, and providing for a proper official receipt for all moneys paid to the State Board of Health.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 403, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 77:

To be entitled an act regulating the treatment of suspicious cases of contagious or infectious diseases, prescribing the duties of the State and Municipal authorities therein, and providing for necessary costs and expenses thereof.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 77, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. McCreary, Chairman of the Joint Committee to Visit and report upon the West Florida Seminary, submitted the following report:

Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee appointed to visit and report upon the West Florida Seminary, beg leave to submit the following report:

On May 2nd your committee visited the West Florida Seminary and found the building in very good repair, the appropriation made by the last Legislature for this purpose having been well expended.

The total enrollment of this institution for the present scholastic year is 141, of which number 117 are from Leon County, 21 from nine other counties and three from other States, divided among the various classes as follows: Seniors, three; juniors, seven; sophomores, six; freshman, sixteen; third high school, thirty-one; second high school, thirty-seven; first high school, forty-one.

The condition of the school indicated that the teachers were doing faithful and efficient work. The school now is quite local in its patronage, and in order to extend its sphere of usefulness it will be necessary to have dormitories constructed for the accommodation of students who may come from a distance.

We would respectfully recommend an appropriation of \$5,000 for current expenses of the school for the ensuing two years.

Very respectfully submitted,

H. H. McCREARY,
On the part of the Senate.

A. T. PATTILLO,
DON. C. McMULLEN,
On the part of the House.

Mr. McCreary, Chairman of the Joint Committee to Visit and Report upon the State Normal and Industrial College for colored students, submitted the following report:

Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee appointed to visit and report upon the State Normal and Industrial College for Colored Students, beg leave to submit the following report:

On May 15th your committee visited the above institution, and were agreeably surprised at the air of cleanliness and discipline which pervaded the entire institution.

We found a total enrollment for the present scholastic year of 210, of which 84 are from Leon County, 118 from other counties and 8 from other States. Twenty-seven counties are represented, and the pupils are divided among the various classes as follows: Senior normals, 2; junior, 7; senior prep,

4; junior prep., 143; third years, 22; second years, 49; first years, 40; intermediates, 38; model school, 34.

We found the school very much in need of an extension to the girls' hall, in order to accommodate the increased number of students in sleeping apartments and in dining hall; also barn for horses, cattle, grainery, tool and harness room, room for mechanical implements, wagons, etc., as well as increased room for the laboratory. Considering the difficulties under which the teachers have to labor, on account of insufficient accommodations, we were highly gratified to note the progress that pupils have made in the various branches taught. We think that the work is being well done and that the institution is well worthy of the State's support.

We respectfully recommend appropriations as follows:

For additions to girls' dormitory	\$4,000 00
For barn and stables	900 00
To reimburse Morrill Fund	1,100 00
For insurance and incidentals	500 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. H. McCREARY,

On the part of the Senate.

A. T. PATTILLO,

DON. C. McMULLEN,

On the part of the House.

Mr. Fuller, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 29:

To be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4564, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to protect and encourage the artificial growth of sponges within the waters of the State of Florida, and conceding certain riparian rights of those engaged therein, and to prescribe a license in certain cases.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and respectfully submit the following amendments:

That the following words be prefixed to the title of the bill: "A bill to be entitled" and also after the word "repealed," in Section 1, insert the following: "Provided, That nothing herein shall be construed as impairing any vested

right which may have been secured under the provisions of said act," and with said amendments recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

H. W. FULLER,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 29, contained in the above report, together with committee amendments, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Game, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir--Your Committee on Game, to whom was referred—
House Bill No. 272:

To be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act for the protection and preservation of certain plumed birds of this State, approved June 5, 1891, Chapter 4050, Laws of Florida.

Beg leave to report we have carefully examined the same and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

FRANK W. SAMS,

Chairman of Committee.

And House bill No. 272, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Special Committee to visit the Convict Camps, submitted the following report:

To the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Tallahassee, Fla., May 19th, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate.

Sir—Your Special Committee appointed under House Joint Resolution No. 6, to investigate the condition of convicts and convict camps of Florida, have the honor to make the following report:

ITINERARY.

Committee left Tallahassee 3:50 p. m. Wednesday, April 26th, arrived Live Oak 6 p. m., left Live Oak 7 a. m. April 27th, drove 17 miles to Varne's camp on the Suwannee river, in Lafayette county, returning arrived Live Oak 5 p. m. and took train for Palatka via Lake City. Senator Barber of committee who had remained over at Tallahassee joining the committee at Live Oak, arriving Palatka 9:30 p. m. remaining over night at Palatka, left Palatka 7 a. m. Friday, April 28th, drove 12 miles to Johnson and Rose's camp at Padgett, in Putnam county, returning arrived Palatka 6 p. m. left Palatka 6:35 p. m. same date for Maloy's camp at Summerfield, in Marion county, via Hampton, arrived Summerfield 3 a. m. Saturday, April 29th, procured a team at 3:30 a. m. and drove 6 miles out to Malloy's camp, arriving there at 4:55 a. m., returning took train for Ocala, remaining over in Ocala Saturday night, left Ocala Sunday May 30th for Inverness at 12 o'clock, arrived Inverness 2 p. m. Mr. Jackson driving through with team from Malloy's to Inverness, rejoining committee at that point, remained over at Inverness Sunday night, left Inverness Monday, May 1st at 7 a. m. drove 8 miles to Hillman's camp near Floral City, thence to Buttgenbach's Floral City camp, returning to Inverness 6 p. m. remaining over at Inverness Monday night, left Inverness Tuesday, May 2d, 7 a. m. drove 12 miles to Buttgenbach's two camps at Hartshorn, remaining over at Hartshorn Tuesday night, left Hartshorn Wednesday, May 3d, 7 a. m., drove 4 miles to W. N. Camp's Elliston mine, returning to Inverness 5 p. m. remaining over night at Inverness, leaving Inverness Thursday morning 7 a. m. doubling back to Buttgenbach's mine at Floral City, left Floral City at 12 o'clock by rail or Wade, arriving at Wade, 5 p. m. Mr. Jordan having spent the night at Dunnellon, rejoined committee on train at that point, drove 1½ miles out to

W. N. Camp's Wade mine in charge of C. A. Neel, remaining over night at this point, and after inspection of same Friday morning, May 5th, drove 3 miles to W. N. Camp's Hines mine, thence to Dutton's mine in the afternoon, thence to Newberry, remaining over night, left Newberry 8 a. m. Saturday morning, May 6th, doubled back to Johnson & Rose's camp at Padgett, arriving Palatka 9:30 p. m. remaining over night, drove 12 miles out to Padgett Sunday morning, making a Sunday inspection of the camp, returning arrived Palatka 2 p. m. left Palatka 6:35 p. m. for Myers Brother's camp in West Florida, arriving Chipley 6:30 p. m. Monday, May 8th, remaining over night at Chipley, left Chipley 8 a. m. Tuesday morning, May 9th, drove to Myers Brother's camp on St. Andrews Bay 45 miles, remaining over night, making inspection on this camp Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, returning left Myers Brother's camp at 8 a. m. Wednesday, May 10th, arrived Chipley 6 p. m. remaining over night, leaving Chipley for Tallahassee, Thursday, May 11th, at 11 a. m., arriving Tallahassee 2 p. m.

The first camp visited was Varns' camp on the Suwannee river, 17 miles southwest from Live Oak, in Lafayette county. This is a turpentine farm. The location is immediately on the west bank of the Suwannee river, on rather high pine lands, which to your committee has the appearance of being a healthy locality. There was no sickness at this camp, and the sanitary conditions of same were fair. This camp has had on an average of about 30 convicts the past year. One killed in attempted escape.

An inspection showed the stockade enclosure in only fair condition. The stockade or cell proper is too small for the number of men. It had no plank floor and was exceedingly dirty. The bedding consisted of cloth tacked to the edge of raised platforms on each side, leaving a narrow aisle in center; under this ticking was straw. These platforms were too narrow, not being wide enough for the men to sleep full length without their feet hanging over the edge of the platform. The entire interior of stockade very filthy and dirty. Water supply in stockade limited, being a small bored well, but the river is near for bathing or washing purposes. The kitchen was in only fair condition. An inspection of raw material for food, meat, meal and flour, showed the same to be good and wholesome. An inspection of the dinner pails showed a sufficient quantity and quality of food well prepared. The men were in only fair condition. An inspection of the convicts

did not reveal any marks or scars from severe punishment, and while there was some punishment, there were no cases of cruelty complained against. The discipline at this camp fair.

The next camp visited was that of Johnson & Rose, at Padgett, in Putnam county, 12 miles west of Palatka. This is a turpentine farm. The location of this camp is in a low palmetto flat, that must be most of the time in wet weather covered with water, as evidenced by raised walks from one building to another, and from a sanitary point of view, your committee condemns the location of this stockade. The yard inside the stockade enclosure had been cleaned recently, but the interior of the cell, inside the stockade, was exceedingly dirty and filthy. We found they had on an average of 55 convicts at this camp, 7 white men and 2 women. During the past year they report 3 escapes and 12 deaths. One death from dropsy, 1 from wound received before received into camp, 1 from syphilis, 2 from fever, 2 from pneumonia, 1 from consumption, 1 from general debility, would not take any nourishment, 3 killed in attempted escapes. The bedding inside the stockade seemed to be sufficient in quantity, but on account of its dirty and filthy condition it was unfit for use, as there was abundant testimony showing that the beds had not been cleaned in a year. The dining facilities was a long table under a shed on a plank floor at the side of the stockade. The stockade or cell proper had a substantial plank floor, but all was very dirty and filthy. The hospital division was at the end of the main cell, but was not occupied by the sick, there being four or five sick men in the main cell where all the convicts slept. The white and colored convicts were kept in separate apartments. The water supply was ample, being furnished by a flowing well with faucets inside of stockade. The cooking department presented a fairly cleanly appearance, excepting the boiling furnace, which was not under cover. The raw food examined was of good quality; the preparation of the food, however, was bad, the committee finding a portion of both meat and bread partially raw. The general appearance and physical condition of the men was bad. In an examination of their dinners, which they were eating when your committee arrived, we found the cooking not as good as it should have been, and a number of the men complained of a scarcity of food and of not having all they wanted to eat. From observation and a careful inspection by the committee, we conclude that punishment by whipping in this camp has been unnecessarily frequent and severe, some of the convicts examined showing evidence of the whipping

strap, and on some the skin being broken. Not being satisfied with this examination, your committee visited this camp again on Sunday, after nine days' absence, and found conditions at this camp very much improved, the meal which was being prepared for dinner being well cooked, and in variety and quantity seemed to be abundant. The convicts inside the stockade were all in clean clothes, and the stockade was undergoing a thorough cleansing in sweeping and cleaning up, and as we are positive they could not have known of our visit, this improvement cannot be charged to an anticipation of a second visit of the committee.

The next camp visited was Maloy, West & Co. at Summerfield in Marion county. Your committee traveled all night to reach this camp, arriving there at 4:55 in the morning. The location is on a high pine ridge, which in the judgement of your committee is as healthy a location as could be found, as also evidenced by the fact that there is nor has been any sickness of a serious character at this camp. The sanitary condition and surroundings are good. There are an average of 54 convicts here, 3 white men and 3 colored women. One death during the past year from dropsy. 2 escaped, one recaptured. The enclosure and stockade were amply large, the grounds clean and general condition of cleanliness throughout the enclosure and stockade. The cell large and roomy and well ventilated, as also the eating department. The beds bedding and pillows were ample, sufficient, clean and showed evidence of care, the convicts having night shirts to sleep in. There was no hospital at this camp, there being no sickness at the camp. The water supply is ample and sufficient. The kitchen and cooking departments and arrangements in a satisfactory condition, and food sufficient in quantity, quality, variety and preparation. The general condition of the convicts upon inspection and investigation, we found to be good. The general discipline at this camp good.

The next camp visited was that of W. J. Hillman situated 2 miles west of Floral City in Citrus county. This is a turpentine farm. This camp is located on elevated pine land, and is the ideal and model camp of the State. The general condition of the location and sanitation is excellent. There are now only about 30 convicts at this camp, there has been no escapes and no deaths at this camp during the past year, there is no sickness at this camp. Captain Hillman stated to your committee that during the past 9 years he has handled over 300 convicts, that of that number he has had only six deaths, and that three of them never struck a lick of work. your committee cannot say too much in behalf of Captain

Hillman for his treatment, care and attention given to the prisoners. We found the enclosure and stockade scrupulously clean, the sleeping apartments was almost spotlessly clean, the bedding was double mattresses, white sheets, feather pillows with white slips on them, and white night shirts for the men to sleep in. The dining shed was clean and well arranged, the table was covered with an oil cloth, and pepper, salt, vinegar, etc. was placed in the reach of each person. Your committee made a thorough examination of nearly all of the convicts at this camp separate and apart from each other, we did not find a single complaint of any character, and all of the men without exception spoke in the very highest terms of Captain Hillman and the good treatment they received under his management, as was the case wherever the committee found men at other camps who had worked at his camp. None of the prisoners were shackled during the day nor chained during the night. There is no punishment at this camp, no whipping strap was found and the prisoners said they had never seen one at this camp.

The next camp inspected was J. Buttgenbach & Co. 1½ miles from Floral City in Citrus county. There are 60 convicts at this camp, 9 white men, 2 escapes and 1 death within the last year, 3 sick in cell. This camp is a phosphate mine. The location is on high pine land, natural sanitary surroundings good. The grounds in and about the stockade were reasonably clean. The interior of the cell was reasonably clean, the sleeping apartment is ample and fairly well ventilated. The bedding sufficient and reasonably clean. The cooking department was in fair condition, except that the boiling apparatus was not under cover. The raw food material was of fair quality, but the cooked food that your committee saw was badly prepared, especially the bread which was not more than half cooked. We found no hospital arrangement, and three men were sick in the cell and sleeping apartment of the convicts. The situation at this camp had been unquestionably bad, and there was evidence that material improvement had been recently made, yet there was very little that was commendable. A general complaint of the prisoners was made, especially with reference to punishment, and as to food being badly cooked and insufficient in quantity and variety, they also complained of being driven to work when sick, and made to work on Sunday and punished if they did not. Your committee not being satisfied with the condition of this camp doubled back on the Thursday following but found no improvement over first inspection, they found that two of the men had been punished, one for talking too freely to a person

whom he thought was one of your committee on our first inspection, and one for talking too freely to the committee, the party giving this information to your committee stated that while he knew he would be punished for doing so, he was determined to give it, your committee also obtained further evidence on this second inspection from reliable outside parties, corroborative of evidence obtained on first inspection, that the treatment of the convicts was and had been cruel and severe.

The next inspection was that of the camps of J. Buttgenbachs & Co's. at Cordeal, known as Sections No. 20 and 34 these camps are situated at about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Cordeal, in Citrus county. There are 100 or more convicts at these two camps, which are reported upon as one camp, they being under one management, and within about a mile of each other. Within the past year they have had 3 escapes and 12 deaths, 1 from grippe and pneumonia, 1 grippe, 2 suicide, 3 killed by bank caving in, 1 chronic dysentery, 2 syphilis and grippe, 1 by tram, 1 shot in second attempt to escape. These two camps are phosphate mines. The location is on high pine lands, natural sanitary conditions and surroundings good. Grounds in and about the stockade are fairly clean, interior of stockade reasonably clean, showing some evidence of care and attention, beds and bedding sufficient in quantity and reasonably clean and well arranged, no complaint from men as to bedding, and very little complaint as to quantity and quality of food except as to variety, on this account there was some complaint. A much better condition of affairs exists at these two camps than at the Floral City camp operated by the same parties. There was not much complaint made by the prisoners and it was generally conceded that there was enough to eat such as it was. The eating arrangement was fairly good, being under same roof as cell cut off by partition. The raw provisions were of good quality and the cooking was fairly well done, the boiling apparatus here was under cover. Some of the bread here was partially raw. Your committee being present while prisoners were eating dinner, examined the food and decided it to be sufficient in quantity and quality, and that there was no material reason for complaint. The greatest complaint from the prisoners at these two camps, was on account of punishment received while handling hot rock, and to the mind of your committee this complaint was just, the superintendent of the mines admitting to your committee that the handling of the hot rock was severe upon the men. The punishment at these two camps, while at times had been severe, your committee is not justified in saying that it was unreasonable, but from evidence before your com-

mittee we find that punishment at these camps was severe under a former local management.

The next inspection was the camp of W. N. Camp, under the management of his son Jack Camp, situated near Elliston, in Citrus county. There were about eighty convicts at this camp, seven white men and three women; they reported within the last year six deaths, two from heart trouble, two from pneumonia, one from fever, one killed by guard in attempt to escape; ten sick in hospital. This camp is a phosphate mine. The location is on high pine land; natural sanitary surroundings appear to be good. Your committee found a deplorable condition of affairs at this camp, and cannot present in language the true situation. By inspection, observation, evidence and investigation, we found a system of cruelty and inhumanity practiced at this camp, that it would be hard to realize unless it could be seen and heard direct. The prisoners presented a generally pitiable condition, and the complaint was general, universal and corroborative of what your committee observed. There was an insufficiency of food as evidenced by the appearance of the prisoners; severe and cruel punishment as evidenced by the lash cuts on the prisoners; there was a failure to supply the sick with food; there was no hospital arrangements for the sick men, the well prisoners being compelled to sleep all mixed in with the sick men in the cell, which was entirely inadequate for the comfort of the men; there was a failure to supply any kind of bedding except a pine floor and one blanket for each person, even during the severe weather of last winter there being abundant evidence that there had been no bedding furnished this camp up to within two days of the arrival of your committee, as also abundant and corroborative evidence that the blankets had not been washed for more than a year, until about two days before the arrival of your committee. Your committee was present at the noon meal served to the prisoners at this camp, which was served to them in the hot sun under no shade whatever. We found the stockade entirely too small for the accommodation of the number of prisoners at this camp, the stench and smell from the cell being nauseating, there being ten sick and disabled convicts in the cell and no hospital facilities. The cooking arrangements was very unsatisfactory to your committee. We find the general situation at this camp unsatisfactory in every respect; that punishment was unnecessarily frequent and cruel to the point of brutality, many of the men being bruised and cut by the lash to an extent that it was difficult and with pain that they could sit down. The

condition of this camp was fully corroborated by competent outside evidence.

The next inspection made was that of the camp of W. N. Camp, situated about a mile and a half from Wade in Alachua county, under the management of C. A. Neal, and known as "headquarters." There are in this camp about 120 convicts. They report seven deaths within the last year, six of them new men who had not done any work; one escape and five attempted escapes; none killed in attempt to escape, but one bitten by dogs before men could get to him. This camp is a phosphate mine. The location is on high pine land, natural sanitary surroundings good. The grounds in and about the stockade were clean. The interior of the cell was fairly clean and well arranged, the bedding in fair condition, each man being supplied with mattress, blankets and night shirts. The main objection to the sanitary condition of this camp was allowing the men to eat in the sleeping apartment, and the sick and disabled to remain among the well prisoners at night. There was some complaint as to punishment and food but nothing of a serious character, and upon the whole your committee is willing to report this camp as being in a fairly good condition, with exception as noted. Your committee were present when supper was served at this camp and saw the food, which appeared to be very well prepared and reasonably sufficient in quantity and quality; a few of the convicts however stated to the committee that at times they did not receive as much as they wanted to eat. We found here that about 200 pounds of beef per week was furnished the prisoners.

The next inspection was of the camp of W. N. Camp, known as the Hines mine in Alachua county about 4 miles from Wade. This is a phosphate mine. The location of this camp is on high pine land, natural sanitary surroundings appear to be good. The grounds in and about the stockade were reasonably clean. The interior of the cell was in fair condition, with separate apartments for white and colored convicts. The bedding was fairly good and reasonably clean. The hospital department was separate and apart from the cell. The kitchen and cooking department was reasonably clean, and the raw food was of fair quality, and the cooked food which your committee saw was fairly well prepared. The general information obtained by your committee was that former treatment at this camp had been bad, but that under the present management it was good, there being now no material or serious complaint, and as a rule prisoners stated that they got plenty to eat and a good place to sleep

and were not severely punished, that they had to work hard but treatment was as good as they could expect as convicts.

The next inspection was that of the camp of H. F. Dutton & Co. near Newberry, in Alachua county. There were fifty convicts at this camp, which is a phosphate mine. The location is on high pine land, sanitary surroundings good. The grounds in and about the stockade were clean. The arrangement of all the buildings at this camp were exceptionally good, the sanitary arrangements being in the mind of your committee better than at any other camp in the State. The beds were clean, they had white sheets, feather pillows with white slips on them, and the men were provided with night shirts. The convicts at this camp are sub-leased by W. J. Hillman to Dutton & Co., and receive his supervision, and the report of care and attention given the convicts at Captain Hillman's Floral City camp also obtains here. Your committee examined separate and apart from each other nearly fifty per cent. of the convicts at this camp, and there was not a word of complaint of any character, and all spoke in the highest terms of the good treatment, care and attention they received.

The next camp inspected was that of Myers Brothers situated on the north arm of St. Andrews Bay in Washington county. This is a turpentine farm. The location is on low pine land near the bay and in the judgment of your committee the natural sanitary surroundings of the camp are not good, while evidence showed that there had not been much serious sickness among the convicts. We found 4 sick in the cell and 2 in the hospital department. They report 25 convicts on an average at this camp the past year, 1 escaped, 1 killed in attempt to escape and 4 deaths from natural causes. The grounds in and about the stockade presented a fairly clean condition, but the interior of the cell in the judgement of your committee was not in a proper sanitary condition, being dirty and filthy, the beds appeared to be sufficient in quantity and number, but showed neglect as to cleanliness, being very dirty. The cooking department was satisfactory, and the raw food was of fair quality, and the cooked food was reasonably well prepared. There was no serious complaints as to food except that it was not in sufficient variety. As to punishments, no serious complaints were made.

Your committee in its inspection and examination of the convict camps as above reported upon, examined about 350 witnesses, and append hereto an extract of the substantial statements of those examined, and ask that the same be taken as a part of this report.

Your committee finds open and flagrant violations of Sections 3057, 3058, 3061 and 3070, Revised Statutes of Florida; also of Rules Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the rules and regulations established by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions.

Section 3057. By working convicts more than 10 hours a day.

Section 3058. By unnecessary, cruel and injurious punishment.

Section 3061. By white and colored convicts being kept together at night.

Section 3070. By necessary medical attention not being given.

Rule 2. By a failure to furnish necessary mattresses and blankets and in not keeping the same clean, not washing covers and blankets when soiled.

Rule 3. By not giving fresh meats and vegetables as required, and in some cases not sufficient salt meat.

Rule 4. By almost entirely disregarding this rule.

Rule 5. With few exceptions; this rule is entirely disregarded.

Rule 6. By not having stockades kept clean and neat at all times, and in some cases disinfectants not used, and urine and excrement not carried out and disposed of as required.

Rule 7. By a violation of this rule in that several camps, cruel and inhuman treatment is practiced and punishment administered unnecessarily severe.

Rule 8. By punishment being administered by more than one designated person, and also in that some guards are permitted to curse, strike and abuse the prisoners.

Your committee presents the following recommendations:

As to Varns' camp, that the cell be enlarged, and the bedding arrangement be remodeled, mattresses and blankets be supplied and kept in condition as required by Rule 2 of the rules and regulations established by the Board of State Institutions; that if these recommendations are not complied with within thirty days the camp be abolished.

As to Johnson & Rose's camp, that the stockade be moved from where it now is to a more elevated and sanitary location; that Rules 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the rules and regulations established by the Board of State Institutions be complied with, and especially that the severe and unnecessary punishment that has been practiced in this camp be abated; that if these recommendations are not complied with within thirty days, that the camp be abolished.

As to J. Buttgenbach & Co.'s Floral City camp, that Sec-

tions 3057, 3058 and 3065 of the Revised Statutes be complied with; also Rules 4, 5 and 6 of rules and regulations established by the Board of State Institutions be complied with; that the severe and cruel punishment that has been practiced in this camp be abated at once, otherwise that the camp be abolished.

As to J. Buttgenbach & Co.'s camps known as Sections 20 and 34, that Sections 3057, 3061 and 3065 of the Revised Statutes be complied with, especially the clause in Section 3065, which reads as follows: "And the prisoners shall not be worked before sunrise or after sunset on any day, and no labor shall be done on Sunday." Also that Rules 4 and 5 of the rules and regulations established by the Board of State Institutions be complied with; that more care must be exercised as to caving banks, as the number killed and crippled from this cause is too great and indicates criminal neglect; that frequent and severe punishment inflicted upon prisoners while working in hot rock must be abated.

As to C. A. Neals camp; That Section 3061 of the Revised Statutes and rule 5 of rules and regulations established by the Board of State Institutions be complied with, and that the prisoners be not made to eat in the cell and sleeping apartment.

As to Myers Brothers camp; That Section 3061 of the Revised Statutes and rules 2, 4 and 5 of the rules and regulations established by the Board of State Institutions be complied with, especially rule 4, as this camp shows a death rate of 16 per cent. from natural causes, which is too great and should be remedied.

As to W. N. Camps Elliston camp; That this camp be abolished at once unless the entire management is changed and the evils existing as reported by your committee are corrected without unnecessary delay.

Your committee further recommends that no physician be allowed to practice in any of the convict camps of this State until he shall have filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which the convicts are located, his certificate issued by the State Board of Medical Examiners, and shall also file a copy of same with the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Your committee finds that there are many cases of deaths from causes that appear somewhat suspicious, and in order that justice and right may be done, your committee strongly recommend and urge that in all cases of death that a full investigation shall be made and reported to the Commissioner of Agriculture, and that if death is caused by attempted escape, cave in, or other accident, that the lessee or manager in charge of the camp shall have a coroner's investigation, and a copy of the verdict of such inquest shall be sent to the office of the Com-

missioner of Agriculture, and that whenever a death occurs from what appears to be from natural cause, that a certificate of the attending physician shall be made, setting forth the disease, the duration of sickness and the length of time attended by him, a copy of which certificate shall also be filed with the Commissioner of Agriculture, and that no convict shall be buried until these requirements shall have been fully complied with.

Your committee would further strongly recommend that, in its judgment, the best means of correcting the evils which have and now exist under the lease system of convicts is to create an assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture, to be known as Supervisor of Convict Camps of the State of Florida, who shall receive a salary of one hundred and twenty-five dollars per month, to be paid out of revenues derived from the lease of the convicts, whose duty shall be to visit each convict camp at least once per month, and oftener if necessary, and who shall be clothed with the same power and authority as the Commissioner of Agriculture in enforcing a strict observance of the law, rules and regulations established by the Board of State Institutions governing convict camps, who shall also be required to make a detailed monthly report to the Board of State Institutions on each camp, reporting any violations of the law, rules or regulations, together with his action relative thereto. Your committee presents Captain W. J. Hillman as a man experienced and eminently qualified for such position, and respectfully urge that your Honorable Body endorse and approve this recommendation. In the event of his death or resignation, the vacancy to be filled by the Board of State Institutions, provided that no person shall be appointed to this position who is not experienced in the handling of convicts and also experienced in the class of work the convicts are leased to perform.

Your committee understood its duty to be to make the inspection and investigation close and thorough, and so report to this Honorable Body without favor or prejudice. We feel that this duty has been performed.

Very respectfully,

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On the part of the Senate.

W. K. JACKSON,

Chairman.

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On the part of the House.

} Committee.

No. 1. Stated to the committee that he had had full charge of convicts at mines and camps, and knew of instances of bad treatment in insufficient food, unnecessary and severe whipping, giving the names of two other parties to substantiate his statements, who were also examined in corroboration, that he had known several instances where men employed in a similar capacity as he had been who had resigned their positions on account of the harsh treatment.

No. 2. Stated to the committee that he had been employed at various convict camps in the State as a guard and stated that at some of the points at which he had been employed there was not sufficient food given them, that they had not sufficient sleeping accommodations and that the punishment was severe, giving the dated or particular instances testified to.

No. 3. Stated to the committee that he had been employed at several places where convict labor was used, that he had an opportunity to observe the treatment received at some of the convict camps and mines, that the general treatment was bad in lack of sufficient food and severe punishment which in his opinion was unnecessary and too frequent, that he had been employed at convict camps for ten or twelve years, that the general condition and treatment testified to was at certain points, but not applicable to all of the camps in which he had been employed, that he was now so employed, had not been discharged from any camp.

No. 4. Stated to the committee that he had had experience in the handling of convicts, that at some of the points under the present lease system the treatment was very harsh and bad, in insufficient food, unnecessary severe punishment and too frequent punishment; that he had known instances, which were cited, where men who had held similar positions as he had held who resigned their positions on account of the harsh treatment.

No. 5. Been here nine years, been a trusty ever since been here, with exception of two years, get along all right for a convict, do not get much punishment.

No. 6. Been here six months, treatment fair, been punished twice since been in on account of the hot rock;

No. 7. Been in about sixteen months, here about two months, get plenty to eat such as it is, got overheated and was punished, have the skin broke on me now from punishment received about a week ago, was punished a great deal last year, treatment has been much better for the last two or three weeks.

No. 8. Been in four years, this makes fifth camp have worked in, get plenty to eat such as it is, punished the other day for the first time since been here.

No. 9. In for a year, been here six months, food plenty such as it is, been punished once since been here.

No. 10. Been in nearly seven years; here about six months; treatment and food all right and get along all right; been punished once since been here.

No. 11. In for fourteen years, been here about five months, get along all right, treatment all right and food all right, have not had any punishment since been here.

No. 12. Been here six months, food all right and plenty of it such as it is, been punished once, gave me twelve licks with strap.

No. 13. Been here four months, food all right and treatment all right, have not been punished since been here.

No. 14. Been here two and a half years, treatment all right and food plenty such as it is, been punished three times.

No. 15. Been here a year and a half, treatment pretty tuff sometimes; sometimes cannot work, got punished last week, broke the skin, could not work loading the hot rock.

No. 16. Been in four months, treatment fair, had three punishments since been here.

No. 17. In for two years, here nearly one year, treatment fair as to food and punishment, been punished twice since been here.

No. 18. In for five years, been here nearly two years, treatment fair and get enough to eat, have had no punishment since been here.

No. 19. Been in seven years, worked at other points, have worked at worse places than this, have not had any punishment in nearly a year, some times dont get as much to eat as want, but treatment fair.

No. 20. Been in about four months, do not get all I want to eat all the time, some times as much as three days in the week dont get enough to eat, but treatment has been better last two or three weeks, was punished last week, got 25 or 30 licks with strap.

No. 21. Been here five years, treatment first rate for a convict, get plenty to eat such as it is, been quite a while since had any punishment, treatment has been better for the past two or three weeks.

No. 22. Been in five years, worked at other camps, treatment fair and get plenty to eat here, have not been punished since last year.

No. 23. Been in about six months treatment fair, been punished once since been here.

No. 24. Been in this camp about three months, plenty of food such as it is, had the skin broke on me about a week ago.

No. 25. Been in eight years, here about 10 months, been punished twice since been here.

No. 26. Been here nearly five years, in for seven years, treatment, as a rule, about as good as a convict could expect, been punished twice within the last twelve months.

No. 27. Been here six months, treatment all right for a convict, had no punishment.

No. 28. Been here six months, treatment all right, had no punishment.

No. 29. Been here about five months, had good care since been here.

No. 30. Been here about four months, treatment good as could expect for a convict, have had no punishment.

No. 31. Been here about four months, treatment only fair, punishment pretty severe, last time punished was last week, some times they hit 30 to 40 licks with a strap.

No. 32. Get plenty to eat, get punished some times, treatment fair.

No. 33. Been here about five months, treatment fair for a convict.

No. 34. Been here about four years, present treatment good, have had no punishment.

No. 35. Been here nine months, they work us pretty hard, treatment fair, had no punishment.

No. 36. In for twenty years, been here five months, treatment fair, have had no punishment.

No. 37. Been here two months, worked at another camp 10 months, rather work at the other place, had three or four punishments since been here about working in the hot rock.

No. 38. Been here nine years and ten months, have worked for other camps, am treated all right here, plenty to eat such as it is, have not had much punishment, they work us on Sundays some times but pay extra for it.

No. 39. Been at this place nearly two years, worked at other camps, treatment fine here as compared to other places have been in, do not get much punishment, been punished three times since been here.

No. 40. Been here three months, get good treatment, had two or three punishments about working in the hot rock.

No. 41. Been here eighteen months, plenty to eat such as it is, meat and bread, peas and beans and beef some times, give us syrup some times and flour bread every Sunday, they punish right smart some times, most of it about working in the hot rock, they hit four and five and some times fifteen to twenty licks with strap.

No. 42. Been here six months, get along first rate, well as could expect for a prisoner.

No. 43. In for five years, been here five months, don't get enough to eat sometimes, have worked three Sundays since been here, been punished twice, last time about two weeks ago, hit me fifteen licks.

No. 44. Been here five months, have been in other camps, treatment tolerable good here, get plenty to eat and good place to sleep. Sleep in the same clothes we work in, have been punished five times in the five months, hit me from five to ten licks with strap.

No. 45. Been in five years, at this camp about two months, been treated bad since been here, hit me twenty-five or thirty licks and broke the skin sometimes, food is not good enough, get bread and meat, peas sometimes, and flour bread once a week, get no vegetables, get syrup sometimes, last time punished me was last week, would have punished me more but the skin was broken and they did not do it, have had no bed to sleep on until yesterday since have been here, the stockade too crowded, don't like it here, rather work at the other place where last worked.

No. 46. In for four years, been here little over a year, worked at other camps, rather work at other place, food been getting better last two or three days, such as it is, had plenty to eat yesterday and today, they punish good deal, last time was punished week or two ago hit me fifty licks, treatment last week or two has been getting better.

No. 47. Been in six months, been here about two months, been punished once since been here about two weeks ago, don't get enough to eat sometimes, get meat and bread and peas and syrup sometimes, flour bread on Sunday, get no beef, they work us sometimes on Sunday, but pay for it.

No. 48—Been in 5 years; worked at other camps; best treatment ever had was at that other place; been getting all the bread and meat wanted to eat for last few days, did not have anything to sleep on until last night since been here, have not been punished but once here; punished a great deal at all other places excepting one; they hit me 8 or 10 licks with strap last time was punished.

No. 49—Been in 10 months; been here about a month; this makes four camps worked in; get enough to eat, such as it is; been punished once since been here; don't think treatment is as good here as it ought to be for the prisoners.

No. 50—Been here a year; get along bad in line of punishment; have never broke the skin on me; have been punished four or five times; hit me from 25 to 80 licks; had no place to sleep until yesterday; they just put in mattresses yesterday; been sleeping right on the boards with blankets; they have never washed the blankets until yesterday morning; good deal of sickness here; some of the men always sick; they don't give the sick men anything except what is given to the working men.

No. 51—In four years been here about a month; get along bad here; don't get enough to eat; get only bread and meat and not enough of that, have had no punishment yet; sleep on blankets on the floor; they have just been washed for the first time since been here.

No. 52—Been in nearly a year; been here about two months; treatment here is pretty rough; don't get enough to eat; get meat and bread and peas and a little flour bread on Sunday; get no beef; just started to get some sirup occasionally; get clean clothes every Sunday; they have just fixed up the beds, and just started in to washing the blankets this week.

No. 53—In four years, here about four months; all get to eat is meat and bread and peas; don't get all that want to eat; treatment here is rough on the men; punishment is severe; brought the blood out of me last month; we have had but one blanket for three men; had no beds; slept on the bare floor.

No. 54—In for ten years; been here about a year; been in other camps; treatment pretty tough here; don't get enough to eat; don't get but about one good meal a day, such as it is, meat and bread; they punish a good deal; have not been punished in the last three or four days; they have been holding up on punishment, expecting the committee; they just fixed up the beds on Monday, before that just had one

blanket to sleep on; just commenced washing the blankets day or two ago.

No. 55--Been in this camp two months; it has been pretty rough since been here, worked five months at another camp; don't get enough to eat and am drove to work when sick; they punish a great deal; last time was punished was last week; they hit me fifteen to twenty-five licks.

No. 56--Been in over two years; worked at other camps; treatment at this camp is very bad; have had no place to sleep since been here until recently; do not get enough to eat; have been punished sometimes three or four times a day.

No. 57-- Been in about a year and a half; this makes three camps have worked in; treatment is brutal here; they beat all the time and do not give enough to eat; punished me last Saturday; have had no bed and had to sleep on the bare floor with one blanket; they just put in beds yesterday.

No. 58-- Been here about a year; don't get enough to eat; crowded up in sleeping; get punishment about the rock all the time; get from fifteen to one hundred licks; guards curse the men and get them punished; bread was full of kerosene oil this morning, but treatment has been better last few days.

No. 59-- Been here nearly two years; been in other camps; treatment rough here and rough at some other camps; like to killed me at some of the other camps; am all crippled up, they just fixed up the beds yesterday; before that slept on the bare floor; they never washed the blankts since been here until last week, they don't punish me much here, but punishment has been heavy.

No. 60--Been in six months; been here about two months; punished me last month; broke the hide on me; hit me about twenty-five or thirty licks; twenty-five to thirty licks is light punishment; they hit one hundred to one hundred and five for heavy punishment.

No. 61--Been in two years; here little over six months; this is worse place ever saw; they punish for nothing; hit forty to fifty licks; make you sleep on the bare floor, if you get sick you have to work; last punishment was about two weeks ago.

No. 62--Been in this camp about six months; been treated bad here; food not well cooked; grit in the bread; this morning it was full of kerosene; got punished few days ago, took the blood out of me; hit me twenty-five licks or more; it is the same as to beds, just put in beds.

No. 63-- Been here a year; been in other camps; very rough

in both; beating and not half enough to eat; have had no vegetables or beef since been here, same as to beds; just got beds; before that had only one blanket; been punished seven times; you can't count the licks when you are punished, but know they hit me fifty or sixty licks last time was punished; last time was punished was two or three weeks ago; I am subject to fits and they punish me and make me go when I have fits.

No. 64—Been here seven months; treatment pretty rough; all get to eat is meat and bread and peas; no fresh meat since been here; beds the same; just got some beds; got punished last week ten to fifteen licks; they are all the time cursing the men; I am sick now but don't want to report it.

No. 65—Been in sixteen months; here about six months; been in other camps; treatment bad here; not enough to eat, and working the men when they are sick; they been feeding better for last two or three days, but the bread has had some kerosene in it; they punish a great deal; have never broke the skin on me; they work us some times on Sundays, but pay us for it.

No. 66—Been in about a year; don't get enough to eat here; been doing better this last week; heard the committee was coming; we get about twenty minutes for dinner; have been punished five times; they give us about fifty licks some times.

No. 67—Been here over four years; been in another camp; treatment rough at both places; punishment heavy; they hit you thirty-five, forty, fifty to 100 licks; the skin is broken on me now; it is the same as to beds, just got the beds.

No. 68—Been here about three months; treatment bad; they never sift the meal; same as to punishment same as to beds.

No. 69—Been in here nearly four years; treatment is rough; skin is broken on me now from punishment; same as to beds and food.

No. 70—Been here three months; treatment is very bad; treat us worse than a dog; beat us up and work a man to death.

No. 71—Been here three years; don't get enough to eat; am hungry right now; they would give it to me if I was to ask for it, but don't want to ask for it.

No. 72—Treatment bad; been sick; have had no hat since got up from spell of pneumonia.

No. 73—Been here six years; treatment is brutal; worst ever saw in my life; beat all the skin off me; hit me 100 licks the other day; don't get enough to eat.

No. 74—Been here about five years; worked at other camps; one of those other camps is a perfect paradise to what it is here; got plenty to eat and was treated like a man there; they beat me all up here.

No. 75—Been in going ten years; worked at other camps; don't get enough to eat here; been punished as much as two or three times a day; have been hit forty to fifty licks; have seen them hit 100 licks; they call a light punishment twenty-five to thirty licks.

No. 76—Been here going on four years; been at this camp two years; this is the worst camp ever been in; treatment is bad here.

No. 77—Been here about eleven months; get along bad; am sick; don't get enough to eat.

No. 78—Been here little over two years; treatment bad; don't get enough to eat, and they beat you up; have to sleep in the same clothes we work in.

No. 79—Been here nearly two years; have worked at other camps; skin all broke on me now; punished me few days ago; treatment is very bad.

No. 80—Treatment here is brutal and inhuman, we have comparatively nothing to eat; have not had a piece of fresh meat since have been here, and no vegetables of any kind, unless you except peas; the punishment inflicted here is outrageous; I have not discovered much improvement recently; yesterday we had a little more meat than common; I have not been imposed upon here, but my observation is that the treatment generally is extremely bad.

No. 81—Been here five months; treatment is not reasonable or just; in fact it is bad at this camp; I have had to sleep on boards with a blanket for cover until a day or so ago; the punishment is unjustly severe; I have been punished five times; punished me last about a week ago; my observation is that the treatment generally is very bad here.

No. 82—Been in about three months; get along very badly; not able to stand the work they put on me; when was sick they drove me out of the cell and got no attention at all; physician comes regularly, but leaves medicine with a man that knows nothing about it; all through the winter we slept on the naked floor, and like to froze.

No. 83—Been here little over a year and a half; been in other camps; treatment is rough here, but think it is worse

in one other camp have been in; punishment is frequent; last punished was about a week ago; don't get what we want to eat, and don't get enough of what it is at that; if it is bad weather and we get wet, we have to sleep in the same clothes or sleep naked.

No. 84—Got my leg broke by falling dirt; called attention to the danger; was driven and told that I did not know anything about it; when in the hospital they tell us they haven't got anything for sick people to eat.

No. 85—Been in this camp about six months; have not been getting much to eat at all until about a couple of weeks ago.

No. 86—Treatment is bad here; one instance one of the men was sick with pneumonia; he was punished when he had fever on him; that was Friday; the next day they punished him again, and on the next day he died.

No. 87-116—About thirty more convicts were examined, whose testimony was in substance about the same as those previously testifying, except as to food.

No. 117—Treatment here is cruel; I can not make a statement because I am afraid I would be killed, and ask that I be transferred so that I may be able to make a statement.

No. 118—Treatment bad; been in a month; been punished twice.

No. 119—Been here six years; treatment bad here; get punished twice a month, sometimes oftener.

No. 120—In for ten years; been here about fourteen months; treatment is bad; been punished five or six times; made to work when not able to do anything.

No. 121—Been here about six months; treatment bad; have not been punished but once.

No. 122—In for four years; been here about a year; treatment bad; don't know how many times been punished, but on average once a month.

No. 123—In for ten years; been here about three years; treatment bad, get heartless punishment.

No. 124—Treatment bad; been in nearly three years; worked at other camps; been punished twice since been here; hit me thirty-eight licks; last time was punished was in March.

No. 125—Been here five months; been punished once since been in; ten to fifteen licks; treatment bad.

No. 126—Been in nearly two years; this camp four months; treatment bad.

No. 127—Been here two months; in for five years, treatment not good; been punished once since been here.

No. 128—In for fifteen years; been here five months; treatment bad; punished bad; punished a good many times, some times twice a day.

No. 129—Been in seven months; treatment bad and punishment bad.

No. 130—In for five years; treatment bad; punishment severe.

No. 131—In for five years; been here three months; treatment bad; get enough to eat such as it is and place to sleep; punishment bad; broke the skin on me first time punished me.

No. 132—In for life; get enough to eat such as it is, and place to sleep, but am not treated like a prisoner ought to be treated.

No. 133—In for life; been in three years; treatment here is brutal; beat all up and the skin broke on me.

No. 134—Been here about a year; treatment bad; had the hide beat off me.

No. 135—Been here seven months; have enough to eat such as it is; meat and bread and syrup twice a week and a place to sleep; have not been punished but once since been here.

No. 136—In for ten years; treatment bad; all skinned up where was punished last week; get meat and bread and peas and flour bread Sunday night.

No. 137—In for five years; get enough to eat such as it is, but don't eat much; have not had much punishment.

No. 138—Been here two months; treatment very bad; don't get enough to eat and punishment is unreasonable; they broke the skin on me that stayed for a month.

No. 139—Treatment bad; punishment severe; last punishment was a week or so ago.

No. 140—Treatment here has not on the whole been as good as it is now, but very little punishment done here.

No. 141—My work gives me the opportunity of observing especially the food that is given and consumed here; the food in my judgment is sufficient in quantity and quality. I am in a position to state this as a fact because it goes through my hands. I handle all the requisitions, and my observations are that the men get plenty to eat and are well taken care of in that line. The present management here is good; am not in a position to say much about the punishment myself, but I do not believe it to be in any degree unreasonable, but

I have worked at other camps where it was both unreasonable and unjust.

No. 142—In for two years; been here eight months; treatment here all a convict can expect; plenty to eat and good place to sleep; no punishment; got one punishment since been here; hit me ten licks.

No. 143—In for ten years; in five years; worked at other camps; treatment here better than last camp; if you get sick you are treated all right here and get plenty to eat.

No. 144—Been in little over six years; get treated all right here and get plenty to eat; get punishment sometimes; not much punishment here.

No. 145—Been here six months; get treated all right here; been punished twice; hit me ten licks; worked at other places; treatment good here compared to what it was at other place.

No. 146—Been here eleven months; worked at other places; treatment here all right for a convict; they punish some.

No. 147—Been here eleven months; treatment good as could expect here; get plenty to eat and good place to sleep; the boss man punishes some, but punishment is light.

No. 148—Been in twelve years; get along very well here; get plenty to eat; they punish (right smart some times, but they have been letting up for the last two or three weeks.

No. 149—Been here five years; worked at several other camps; get treated better here than anywhere else with one exception; one place got treated better than anywhere; have not been punished but twice since been here.

No. 150—In for five years; been at other camps; get treated very well here; get some punishment.

No. 151—Get better treatment here than where they brought us from.

No. 152—Been in eleven months; been treated all right here; treatment was bad last place we were at; haven't had but one punishment since been here.

No. 153—Been in about a year and a half; worked at another camp; get treated all right here; rough where they brought us from.

No. 153½—Been here about four months; brought us from another camp; did not have good treatment there; get treated all right here; been punished twice since been here; get plenty to eat and good place to sleep.

No. 154—Been in eleven years tomorrow; worked at an-

other camp; got best treatment there ever had, but get treated all right here; get plenty to eat and good place to sleep; have had no punishment.

No. 155—Get along all right here; have not had any punishment in four or five years.

No. 156—Just got here yesterday; treatment all right.

No. 157—In for five years; brought us from another camp; treatment was bad there; get along all right here; treatment good.

No. 158—In for five years; been here nearly two years; treatment now all right; there has been a general improvement here in the last few weeks, but treatment now is as good as a convict could expect.

No. 159—Treatment all right; got punishment last week.

No. 160—Been in two and a half years; treatment all right here.

No. 161—Been in ten months; they brought us from another camp; treatment was very bad there; it is all right here.

No. 162—Been in three years; brought from another camp here; treatment was rough there; it is all right here; get no punishment here.

No. 163—In for twenty years; brought here from another camp; treatment was very bad there; get treated all right here.

No. 164—Just came here last night; been treated all right.

No. 165—Been here three months; came from another camp; get along very well here; no punishment.

No. 166—Been here about five months; get treated very well; get no punishment here.

No. 167—Been in ten months; been here four months; treatment all right; punished once since been here; hit me four or five licks.

No. 168—Been in going on eleven years; been here nine months; came here from another camp; treatment bad there; get treated all right here; do not get much punishment.

No. 169—Just came here yesterday; am being treated all right.

No. 170—Been here five months; treated all right; get plenty to eat and fair bed to sleep in; no punishment.

No. 171—Been here fifteen months; have to work hard, but get plenty to eat and good place to sleep; have been punished four times, but never broke the skin.

No. 172—Been in little over three months; get plenty to

eat and a good place to sleep; punishment light and get along all right here.

No. 173—Been here about four months; worked at another camp; get plenty to eat here and very little punishment; last time received punishment was about a month ago.

No. 174—In for seven years; been here eight months; get on all right; do not get much punishment.

No. 175—Been here about five months; get enough to eat, such as it is, meat and bread and peas and meal stuff, vegetables occasionally and beef sometimes; do not get much punishment.

No. 176—In for seven years; get on all right; get plenty to eat; meat and bread and peas, and coffee for breakfast; punishment light.

No. 177—Been here three months; treatment all right; not much punishment.

No. 178—In year and a half; get along all right; punished me once; hit me five licks; get plenty to eat and fare as well as a prisoner could reasonably expect.

No. 179—Been here eight months; get plenty to eat and a good place to sleep; get change of diet occasionally; not much punishment and get along all right for a convict.

No. 180—Been here over four years; get plenty to eat and a pretty good place to sleep; get along all right; do not get much punishment; have not had any punishment in a long time.

No. 181—In for ten years; been here little over two years; get pretty much all I want to eat and a change of diet occasionally; do not get much punishment; got punished three or four weeks ago.

No. 182—Been here nearly five years; worked at other camps; treatment very good; been here fifteen months; have never hit me a lick, but have to work hard; get plenty to eat and a good place to sleep.

No. 183—Been here eight months; treatment all right; get plenty to eat and a good place to sleep; punishment light.

No. 184—Have been here six months; get enough to eat; treatment all right and not much punishment.

No. 185—Been here six months; get plenty to eat; sometimes don't get quite enough; but if ask for it get more; they don't punish much; haven't had but five licks since been here.

No. 186—Been here four months; get enough to eat generally; sometimes do not; did not get enough last night; treatment generally all right.

No. 187—Been her seven months; been a-faring as well as could reasonably expect in State's prison; do not get much punishment; treatment very good for a convict.

No. 188—Been here nearly seven years; treatment all right; have as good time here as could expect in a convict camp; been punished three times.

No. 189—Been here five months, some time get enough to eat and sometime do not, did not have enough this morning but generally have plenty.

No. 190—Been here a year; get plenty to eat, and have had no punishment since been here, get good bed to sleep on and blankets washed every week or so, and have clean clothes every Sunday.

No. 191—Been here five months; get all want to eat; have to work hard; had no punishment since been here.

No. 192—Get along all right; have had no punishment since been here.

No. 193—In for eight years; been here nine months; as far as I am concerned, my treatment has been excellent, they have not spoken a cross word to me since been here.

No. 194—In for two years; been here seven months; treatment good under present management; get plenty to eat, and good place to sleep.

No. 195—In for life; in this camp about four months; get plenty to eat; treatment good for a convict.

No. 196—Been here nearly six months; some times get enough to eat and some times don't, but in general get along as well as a convict could expect; they do not punish very much here.

No. 197—Been here nearly four years; worked at other camps; best treatment ever had was at one of the other camps, but treatment here is as good as a prisoner ought to expect; it was pretty rough here under a former boss man, but it is all right now; they do not punish much.

198—Been in this camp three or four months; been at another camp; treatment better here than there; get plenty to eat and no punishment and get along reasonably well.

No. 199—Been in six years; worked at other camps; get along fairly well here; get plenty to eat and have not been hit a lick; a former boss was pretty bad, but it is better now; we get a change of diet occasionally; bread and meat, sirup, fresh beef, coffee for breakfast and vegetables occasionally; we wash every Sunday and are given clean clothes, clothes are washed every week and bed clothes washed every two weeks.

No. 200—Been at two camps; rather be here; get along all

right here; don't beat here much now; but a former boss was pretty rough.

No. 201—Been here nearly a year; worked at one other camp; get the best treatment here; get plenty to eat here and a good place to sleep and as a rule get along very well.

No. 202—Been here eleven months; worked at another camp; get along best here; some times get enough to eat and some times do not; if ask for more some times we get it and some times do not; get it if there is any more cooked; get along all right here under present management; former boss man was very rough.

No. 203—Been here nearly two years; worked at other camps; got along all right under present management.

No. 204—Been here two years; worked at another camp; get along best here; get all want to eat and pretty good place to sleep.

No. 205—Been in little over three years; worked at another camp; get along all right under present management.

No. 206—Been in about seven months, worked at another camp; did not like it there; get plenty to eat and well cooked here; get meat, and bread, peas, beans, greens some times and fresh beef, potatoes, rice and flour bread and sirup; they do not punish much here.

No. 207—Been here a week; get along all right.

No. 208—Been here eight months, treatment all right here now, but it was rough under a former boss; get plenty to eat and good place to sleep.

No. 209—Been here two months; get all want to eat some times and sometimes do not; if ask for more some times get it and sometimes do not, but generally get it, if there is any more cooked, punished me once since been here.

No. 209½—Been in over two years; worked at other camps; get along better here than at some of them; they do not give us any sleeping clothes; if we get wet have to make some shift for ourselves or sleep naked.

No. 210—Been here two months; get along all right under present management, and as far as I am concerned get along as well as a convict could expect.

No. 211—Been here year an a half; worked at other camps; get along all right here now; a former boss was very rough; this camp has had a straightening out and present management good.

No. 212—Been here about five months; to tell the truth I have not had a lick nor no trouble put over me at all; get a place to sleep and all want to eat.

No. 213—Been here five years; worked at other camps; did not treat me right at one of the other camps; treated all right here under present management.

No. 214—Been here about five years at this camp; about four months worked at other camps, did not like the other camp, did not like former treatment here but present management good, and get treated all right now.

No. 215—Been here a month and get along all right.

No. 216—Been in two years, worked at other camps, treatment here is good, food here is splendid, the best have had since been in prison, a former captain here was pretty rough, but the present management here is good.

No. 217—Been in two years, just come to this camp, like it best here, am a trusty and am treated as well as could ask to be in every way and as a rule every one here is treated good.

No. 218—Been in three years, I have no complaint to make of my treatment here, get all want to eat, am treated white here.

No. 219—In for life, been here seven years, get the best treatment here had ever had, been in one other camp, treatment here is all that a convict could expect.

No. 220—In for life, been here six months, have to work hard, but am treated all right, have not been hit a lick.

No. 221—Been here nearly six years, been at another camp, treatment best here, have not been hit a lick and am treated all right.

No. 222—Been here five months, get plenty to eat and a good place to sleep, been punished once since been here, get along all right.

No. 223—In for life, been here five months, got along mighty well since been here, get plenty to eat, am a trusty, and get treated all right.

No. 224—Been here about a year, treatment all right, all could expect as a convict.

No. 225—Get along all right, have not had a lick since been here, going on one year, and treated as well as could be expected.

No. 226—Only been here two weeks, get along as well as could expect.

No. 227—Been here nearly two years, treatment all could expect here, have not had but five licks since been in prison, have not had to work a single Sunday since been here, do have to work in the rain and if get wet get a change of clothes, do not have to sleep in same clothes.

No. 228—In for fifteen years, been here nine months, have no complaint to make, get along as well as a convict could expect, get a change of diet, onions, greens, coffee for breakfast and sometimes in wet weather for supper, meat, bread, peas; was sick eight weeks and got all wanted in way of treatment, part of the time they fed me on birds.

No. 229—Been here three years, get along all right, punish some but not unreasonable, have no complaint to make.

No. 230—Been in four years, worked at other camps, had the best treatment in one of the other camps, but have no complaint to make here.

No. 231—Been here two years, have no complaint to make.

No. 232—Been here about a year, get treated all right and have not had a lick in a long time.

No. 233—Been here seven months, they have never give me a lick, worked at other camps, like it best here, am treated all right.

No. 234—Been in nearly three years, in for six years, I run away, did not come back till last week, they did not punish me, I get along all right.

No. 235—In for six years, worked at other camps, I have been treated mighty good, have not been punished in three years, an. in for life, and get along all right, they do not put shackles on us in this camp.

No. 236—Been in this camp six months, have worked in three camps, have not had a lick since been here nor a cross word, from the guards.

No. 237—Been in five years, worked at other camps, did not like some of them, get treated mighty well here, can not say when they have punished me, don't punish here, this is the best camp was ever in excusing one.

No. 238—Been here seven years, worked at other camps, some other camps been in pretty tough, did not feed enough and did not treat me right, have not had a lick since been here, am in for fifteen years, if get sick get plenty of nourishment, medicine and attention. We have good beds, mattresses, sheets, feather pillows and night clothes, have bath tubs, make us bathe every Sunday and put on clean clothes, if get wet do not have to sleep in wet clothes.

No. 239—Been in nearly five years, worked at other camps, am treated first rate here, just as well as a prisoner could expect to be treated, food is all right and well cooked, have not had a lick since been here, tough in some of the other camps worked, one place they hit me 100 licks.

No. 240—Been in two years, my treatment is all right, have had no trouble at all, have not had a lick since been here.

No. 241—Been here eighteen months, my treatment is all right, have not been hit a lick since been here, have had no trouble at all.

No. 242—Been in nearly four years, worked at other camps, I am treated all right here, boss.

No. 243—Been here about ten years, my treatment is all right, have no complaint to make.

No. 244—Been here seven years, worked at other camps, did not treat me right at some of the other camps, have good treatment here, and get along all right.

No. 245—Been in two years, been at other camps, did not get along well at some other camps, get along all right here, get plenty to eat and a good place to sleep, and have had no trouble at all.

No. 246—Been here two years, been at other camps, did not get along well at some other camps, have had no trouble here at all, and treat me all right.

No. 247—Been in five years, worked at other camps, was treated bad at some of the other camps excusing one that was a plum convict heaven, and treated all right here and have no complaint to make.

No. 248—Been here three years and a half, been in other camps, was not treated right at some of them, am treated all right here, have not had to work a single Sunday since been here.

No. 249—Have been in two years and three months, worked at other camps, get along well here, as well as could expect to be a convict.

No. 250—Been in nearly two years, have worked at one other camp, as far as I am concerned I gets treated white here, but I had rather be at the other camp, but my treatment is all right here.

Nos. 251 to 275—About twenty-five more convicts were examined, who testified substantially about the same as last twenty-five above.

No. 276—Been here about five months, get plenty to eat, such as it is, bread and meat and peas some times, get no beef and no vegetables, get fresh fish some times, and salt mackerel sometimes, get a change of clothes every Sunday and the men are made to bathe every Sunday, but if get wet have no change of clothes to sleep in and have to sleep in wet clothes or make shift for ourselves.

No. 277—In for five years, been here six months, have enough to eat, such as it is.

No. 278—Been in six months, get enough to eat, such as it is, but food is not changeable enough, get flour bread on Sunday. do not get much punishment.

No. 279—Been in three years, get plenty to eat, been punished four times, but guess a convict is treated as well here as he could expect.

No. 280—Been here two years, been getting along all right, get some punishment, hit me from fifteen to tirty licks, have not had any punishment since last December.

No. 281—Been in six months, get plenty to eat, get some punishment.

No. 282—Been in three years, worked at two camps besides this, get treated very well here, have not had any punishment since been here, have to work hard, but expect that, treatment is as good as could reasonably expect.

No. 283—Been in about a year and a half at this camp, worked at other camps, we do not get but little change of diet; got some fresh pork about three weeks ago; treat about as good as could expect to be a convict.

No. 284—Been in four years; get all want to eat, such as it is, but food is not changeable enough.

No. 285—Been in about ten years; been in this camp six months; get plenty to eat such as it is, but food is not changeable enough; get bread and meat and flour and peas and flour bread every Sunday and fish some times; do not get much punishment.

No. 286—In for ten years; been in four years, being in this camp little over a year, food and beds all right and treatment about as good as a convict could expect.

No. 287—In for life; been here about six months; get plenty to eat, and a place to sleep; do not get much punishment.

No. 288—In for twelve years, been at other mines and camps, treatment here all right, got a pretty severe punishment about three months ago; the guards do not like me and report on me and get me punished; did not hit me but five licks.

No. 289—Been in three years; get treated pretty well; have had punishment, and get treated as well as could expect to be a prisoner; last punishment had was in February, hit me fifteen or twenty licks with a strap.

No. 290—Been in twelve months; in for eighteen months;

get treated all right; have not had any punishment in a long time.

No. 291—Been in six months, and get treated all right.

No. 292—Been here three years; have to work pretty hard, but get treated all right, and have had no punishment.

No. 293—Been here six months; have been treated all right so far, and have no complaint to make.

No. 294—Been here about three months; get treated all right; they do not punish much.

No. 295—Been here ten months; get treated all right, have had no punishment since been here.

No. 296-345—About fifty other convicts were examined, twenty of whom testified about substantially the same as last above from No. 276, and thirty others testified that their general treatment was good and had no complaints to make.

No. 346—A witness testifying before your committee after returning to Tallahassee stated that he had been employed as a guard at one of the camps, being so employed during the visit of your committee; that two men were punished the night after your committee left, one of them being a white man for talking to a person whom he supposed to be one of your committee; that his general impression was from information gained, that the treatment was during the time he was at this camp much better than it had formerly been.

Pending the reading of the report—

Mr. McCreary moved that the further reading of the report of the Special Committee to Visit and Investigate the Convict Camps, be dispensed with, and the report spread on the Journal.

Mr. McCreary withdrew the motion.

The report was read in full at the request of the committee.

Mr. Barber moved that the report of the Special Committee to Visit and Investigate the Convict Camps be received, adopted and spread upon the Journal.

Mr. Harris offered the following resolution as a substitute to the motion of Mr. Barber:

Resolved, That the report be adopted and that the President appoint a special committee of five to report a bill which will remedy the evils now existing.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Harris withdrew the resolution.

Mr. Fuller moved that further consideration of the committee's report be deferred until Monday.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Fuller moved that 300 additional copies of the Journal of to-day, containing the report of the Special Committee to Visit and Investigate the Convict Camps, be printed.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Reeves introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 16:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be, and they are hereby requested to draft and report to this body immediately a bill amending Section 1096 of the Revised Statutes in such a manner as to permit persons convicted of crime to testify against any person or persons when charged with crime committed against himself or other convict.

Mr. Reeves moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Fuller, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—
House Bill No. 152:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 4, of Chapter 4557, Acts of 1897, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to regulate the catching or taking of fish in the waters of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

H. W. FULLER,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 152, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Fuller, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 134:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2758, Laws of

Florida, relating to the catching of shad during certain months.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and submit herewith as a substitute for same:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2758 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to catching of shad during certain months.

And respectfully recommend said substitute do pass.

Very respectfully,

H. W. FULLER,

Chairman of Committee

And Senate Bill No. 134, contained in the above report, together with committee substitute therefor, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Palmer of 14th, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Education to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 248:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for a life certificate in primary departments of regularly graded schools and public kindergartens.

Have had the same under consideration and respectfully recommend that the same do not pass.

Very respectfully,

B. H. PALMER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 248, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. McLin, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 205:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 9, 10, 24, 51,

35, of Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, and Sections 10 and 11 of Chapter 4515, Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act to amend Sections 29, 32, 35, 47, 48, 50, 63 and 67, of Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 163:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Charles Rheinauer, upon the suretyship of said Rheinauer on the bond of C. B. Collins as State Treasurer.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 199:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the marking of all agricultural products grown in the State of Florida and shipped beyond the limits of this State with marks showing that they were grown in Florida, and providing penalties for the violation of the same.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 136:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the estate of John F. Dunn upon the suretyship of said Dunn on the bond of C. B. Collins as State Treasurer.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 205, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 163, Senate Bill No. 199 and Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 136, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to amend Section 11, Chapter 4621, No. 107 of the

Laws of Florida, approved June 4th, 1897, entitled an act to incorporate the Sanibel Island Railway and Construction Company;

Also,

An act for the relief of P. F. Green, C. H. Glenn, B. N. Faircloth, W. F. Skipper, citizens of Gadsden County, Florida, and W. B. Chester and J. B. Edwards, citizens of Liberty County, Florida;

Also,

An act to incorporate the Florida Baptist Convention;

Also,

An act to provide for the issue of bonds by the town of Marianna for the construction of waterworks and other purposes, and providing for the payment of the interest on and the principal of such bonds;

Also,

An act to settle the claims of certain transportation companies for transporting troops furloughed by the Government;

Also,

An act for the relief of George W. Reynolds, ex-Tax Collector for the County of Monroe, State of Florida:

Also,

An act to amend Section 2707, of the Revised Statutes of Florida, in relation to the purchase of seed cotton between the hours of sunset and sunrise, and providing penalty therefor;

Also,

An act to provide for the opening, grading, paving, curbing and otherwise improving streets, parks, sidewalks and other public places in the City of Tampa; the construction of sewers therein; the repair and maintenance thereof; and for assessments against the abutting property for such improvements, including such as may have been completed or may be now in process of construction, and the enforcement and collection thereof.

Bez leave to report that they have examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very Respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

The acts contained in the above report, were ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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provements, including such as may have been completed or may be now in process of construction, and the enforcement and collection thereof.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

F. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

The acts contained in the above report, were ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for the signature of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

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Beg to report that the same have been presented to the House of Representatives for the signature of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act for the protection of bicycle paths and to provide penalties for trespass thereon;

Also,

An act to prohibit the publication of libelous articles and anonymous communications, and to prescribe penalties for its violation;

Also,

An act to prohibit the manufacture or sale of cigarettes or cigarette paper in the State of Florida and provide penalties for its violation;

Also,

An act to amend Section 57, Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, being an act for the assessment and collection of revenue.

Also,

An act to prohibit the catching and taking of fish from the fresh water streams and lakes of Calhoun County, State of Florida, in the months of April and May of each year.

Also,

An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4561, Laws of Florida, being an act to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of Osceola County, Florida;

Also,

An act relating to the assessment, levy and collection of taxes by the City of Orlando.

Beg to report that we have examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very Respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

The acts contained in the above report were ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom we referred—

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Also,

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Also,

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Beg leave to report that they have presented the same to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

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Tallahassee, Fla., May 19, 1890.

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— Beg to report that the same have received the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and are presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

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Also,

An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4561, Laws of

Florida, being an act to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of Osceola County, Florida;

Also,

An act relating to the assessment, levy and collection of taxes by the City of Orlando.

The acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act for the protection of bicycle paths and to provide penalties for trespass thereon;

Also,

An act to prohibit the publication of libelous articles and anonymous communications, and to prescribe penalties for its violation;

Also,

An act to prohibit the manufacture or sale of cigarettes or cigarette paper in the State of Florida and provide penalties for its violation;

Also,

An act to amend Section 57, Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, being an act for the assessment and collection of revenue.

Also,

An act to prohibit the catching and taking of fish from the fresh water streams and lakes of Calhoun County, State of Florida, in the months of April and May of each year.

Also,

An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4561, Laws of Florida, being an act to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of Osceola County, Florida;

Also,

An act relating to the assessment, levy and collection of taxes by the City of Orlando.

Beg to report that the same have been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,
E. N. DIMICK,
Chairman of Committee.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

House Joint Resolution No. 6:

Joint Resolution relating to the election of United States Senators by the people.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Joint Resolution No. 6 was ordered placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 196:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 35 of Article V, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the establishment of courts in this State.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Joint Resolution was ordered referred to committee on Engrossed Bills.

House Bill No. 246:

To be entitled an act to extend the time for commencing the work of construction of the DeSoto, Lee and Gulf Railroad Company, Chapter 4467, No. 146, Laws of Florida, approved May 30, 1895.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And House Bill No. 246 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 201:

To be entitled an act to prevent unauthorized persons from answering or otherwise interfering with signals connected with railroads or trains.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 201 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 200:

To be entitled an act to prevent unauthorized persons from giving signals to railroad trains or engines.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 200 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 185:

To be entitled an act for the better protection of passengers on railway trains in the State of Florida.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And House Bill No. 185 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 216:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 2263 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the crossing of tracks of railroad trains.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Rogers moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 216 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 216 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr President,	Crill.	Myers,
Messrs.—	Crosby,	O'Brien,
Baker,	Denham,	Palmer of 14th,
Blich,	Dimick,	Reeves,
Broome,	Fuller,	Rogers,
Bynum,	Gaillard,	Sams,
Carson,	Hooker,	Wadsworth,
Chaires,	McCaskill,	Williams—25.
Clark,	McCreary,	

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. McCreary moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 303, now on table subject to call, be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 303:

To be entitled an act for the relief of tax payers in the storm belt of the Counties of Alachua, Levy, Lafayette, Suwannee, Columbia, Baker, Bradford and Nassau.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And House Bill No. 303 was placed on Calendar of Bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 196:

To be entitled an act to prevent persons beating their way on railroad trains in this State.

Was taken up.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 196 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 196 was read a second time by its title. Mr. O'Brien offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 196:

After the word "tried," in line 2, of Section 2, strike out all to "or" inclusive (first word) of line 4 of Section 2.

Mr. O'Brien moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 196, as amended, was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hooker moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 67 be taken up for consideration.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 67:

A bill to be entitled an act confirming the rights, powers and franchises of the Tropical Development and Navigation Company of Florida, and granting aid thereto, approved May 25, 1895.

Was taken up.

With the following House amendments thereto:

Amendment 1. In Section 2 strike out the words "and in consideration of the work already done, The Tropical Development and Navigation Company may select, and the proper officials shall reserve for them, the land hereby granted."

Amendment 2. At the end of Section 2 add: "Provided, however, that the said company shall not receive any lands under this act, nor shall any lands be reserved for them hereunder until three miles of said canal shall be completed and in successful operation. Provided further, that the three miles of canal herein referred to shall be held to mean three miles actually cut through the land, and shall not include space covered by lakes."

Amendment 3. At the end of Section 4 add: "Provided, That in consideration of the franchise rights granted by this act the company incorporated shall annually pay to the State through the Comptroller a tax of one mill per dollar on the total amount of its capital stock."

Amendment 4. At the end of Section 5 add: "Provided, That actual work of dredging or cutting the canal shall be commenced within twelve months from the approval of this act by the Governor, and continue until its completion; and should the company fail to comply with this provision of this act they shall then forfeit their charter."

Mr. Hooker moved that Amendment No. 1 be adopted.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hooker moved that Amendment No. 2 be adopted.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hooker moved that the Senate non-concur in amendment No. 3, and requests the House to recede therefrom:

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hooker moved that the Senate non-concur in Amendment No. 4, and requests the House to recede therefrom.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hooker moved that the House of Representatives be immediately notified of the action of the Senate on House amendments to Senate Bill No. 67.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and the House of Representatives was so notified.

Mr. Crill moved that the rules be waived, and that messages from the house of Representatives be taken up.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has receded from House Amendment, as requested by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 120, extending the time of commencement of work of the Etoniah Canal and Drainage Company.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 120, contained in the above message, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.
Tallahassee, Fla., May 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives

Requests the return of House Bill No. 145 for correction.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the request of the House or Representatives, contained in the above message, be complied with.

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 145 was returned to the House of Representatives.

By permission—

Mr. McCreary, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 403:

To be entitled an act making an appropriation for the immediate necessities of the State Board of Health, and providing for a proper official receipt for all moneys paid to the State Board of Health.

Have considered the same and recommend that the bill do pass.

Very respectfully,

H. H. McCREARY,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 403, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Harris, Chairman of the Committee on Public Health, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 77:

To be entitled an act regulating the treatment of suspicious

cases of contagious or infectious diseases, prescribing the duties of the State and Municipal authorities therein, and providing for necessary costs and expenses thereof.

Beg leave to report that it has been carefully considered and recommend that the same be passed.

Very respectfully,

W. HUNT HARRIS,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 77, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Reeves introduced—

Senate Bill No. 250:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to bills in equity for the quieting of and removing of clouds from titles to real estate.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hendry moved that Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 151, now on table subject to call, be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to:

And,

Senate Joint Resolution No. 151

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8, Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the election of Circuit Judges in this State.

Was taken up.

Mr. Broome moved that the rules be waived and that Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 151 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Mr. Broome withdrew the motion.

Mr. Broome moved that Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 151 be made a special order for Tuesday next at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Bynum moved that the Enrolling Committee be allowed to employ an additional clerk.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McLin moved that Senate Bill No. 189, now on the table subject to call, be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 189:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit fishing in the fresh water lakes of this State with seines or nets, or by any set devices, or by shooting.

Was taken up, together with the following amendment of Mr. McCreary and his motion to adopt pending:

After the word "State," in line 9, insert: "from the first of February to the first of May for commercial purposes."

Mr. McCreary offered the following amendment to the amendment to Senate Bill No. 189:

Strike out the word "May" and insert "September."

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. McCreary's amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Reeves offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 189:

Strike out Section 3 of the bill.

Mr. Reeves moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McLin offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 189:

Add to Section 1:

Provided, That nothing in this act shall operate to prevent persons fishing on their own lands, or to prevent fishing on picnic occasions.

Mr. McLin moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. McLin withdrew the amendment.

Mr. McLin offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 189:

Add to Section 1 the following: Provided that nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit the fishing with seines or otherwise for family consumption, picnics, or upon one's own land.

Mr. McLin moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 189, as amended, was ordered referred to Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 93, now on third reading, be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 93:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for and encourage the

organization of a corps of volunteer militia for services as a land force, and to enforce the discipline therein, and to repeal Article 2, entitled "Volunteer Militia," and Article 3, entitled "Florida State Troops," of Chapter 1 of Title VIII of First Division of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, and Chapter 4042, Laws of Florida, entitled an "Act to amend an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia and enforce their discipline," approved June 11, 1891, and Chapter 4167, Laws of Florida, entitled "An act to amend Section 6 of an act entitled an act to amend an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia and to enforce their discipline, approved June 11, 1891; and to further provide for and encourage the organization and discipline of said corps," approved June 2, 1893.

Was taken up and read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

Pending the reading of the bill Mr. McCreary raised the question of no quorum.

Thereupon the sergeant-at-arms was instructed to bring in absent members.

Upon call of the roll the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President,	Crosby,	McLin,
Messrs. Baker,	Gaillard,	Palmer of 14th,
Barber,	Harris,	Reeves,
Blitch,	Hooker,	Sams,
Clark,	McCaskill,	Wadsworth,
Crill,	McCreary,	Williams—18

A quorum present.

Senate Bill No. 93 was read in full.

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 93,

The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,	Denham,	McLin,
Messrs.—	Dimick,	O'Brien,
Baker,	Fuller,	Palmer of 11th,
Barber,	Gaillard,	Rogers,
Bynum,	Harris,	Sams,
Chaires,	Hendley,	Williams—21.
Clark,	Hooker,	
Crill,	McCreary,	

Nays—Messrs.—

Blitch,	McCaskill,	Reeves,
Crosby,	Palmer of 14th,	Wadsworth—6.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 93 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend by including all bills passed this morning.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the bills were so certified.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 200 be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And

Senate Bill No. 200:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the holding of political primary elections in the State of Florida, and providing penalties for the violation of the same.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that Senate Bill No. 200 be made a special order for Friday next at 11 o'clock A. M. and that 100 copies be printed.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 237, now on its third reading, be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 237:

To be entitled an act to legalize the assessment and levy of taxes in the City of Tampa, and to legalize tax certificates and prescribe the method of collecting same.

Was taken up and read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,	Crill,	McLin,
Messrs. Baker,	Crosby,	O'Brien,
Barber.	Denham,	Palmer of 11th,
Blitch,	Fuller,	Reeves,
Broome,	Gaillard,	Rogers,
Bynum,	Harris,	Sams,

Carson,	Hooker,	Wadsworth,
Chaires,	McCaskill,	Williams—26.
Clark,	McCreary,	

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

At 12:55 P. M.

Mr. O'Brien moved.

That the Senate go into executive session.

Which was agreed to.

And the doors were closed.

At 1:20 P. M. the doors were opened.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President,	Crill,	McLin,
Messrs—	Crosby,	O'Brien,
Baker,	Denham,	Palmer of 14th,
Barber,	Dimick,	Palmer of 11th,
Blitch,	Fuller,	Reeves,
Broome,	Gaillard,	Rogers,
Bynum,	Harris,	Sams,
Carson,	Hooker,	Wadsworth,
Chaires,	McCaskill,	Williams,
Clark,	McCreary,	

Answering roll-call—28.

A quorum present.

Mr. O'Brien moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Mr. O'Brien withdrew the motion.

Mr. McCreary moved to adjourn until 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

The roll being called,

The vote was.

Yeas—

Mr. President,	Carson,	McCaskill,
Messrs. Baker,	Chaires,	McCreary,
Barber,	Clark,	Palmer of 14th,
Blitch,	Crill,	Williams—14.
Broome,	Denham,	

Nays—

Messrs—

Bynum,

Crosby,

Dimick,

Fuller,

Gaillard.

Harris,

Hooker,

McLin,

O'Brien,

Palmer of 11th,

Reeves,

Rogers,

Sams,

Wadsworth—14.

So the motion to adjourn to 3:30 P. M. did not prevail.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the Senate adjourn until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate adjourned until Saturday at 9 o'clock A. M.

CONFIRMATION.

PILOT COMMISSIONER.

C. L. Huddleston, to be a member of the Board of Pilot Commissioners in and for the Port of Punta Gorda, vice Burton Hinkley, resigned.